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Chief Executive Officer

March 18, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
EAST LOS ANGELES, LADERA HEIGHTS,  
AND VALINDA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. RDC0014153 - Olympic Boulevard, to reconstruct and resurface roadway pavement; construct sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, and bus pads; install striping and pavement markings, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (1), to Bannaoun Engineers Constructors, in amount of \$1,533,488.20.
- Project ID No. RDC0014407/C.P. No. 86914 - Slauson Avenue - Phase I, to construct landscaping, hardscape, and irrigation, in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights (2), to America West Landscape, Inc., in amount of \$406,624.28.

- Project ID No. RDC0014815/C.P. No. 83828 - Amar Road, to construct raised medians, a catch basin and connector pipe, landscaping and an irrigation system and restoration of pavement striping and markings, in the unincorporated community of Valinda (1 and 5), to Park West Landscape, Inc., in the amount of \$770,140.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's approval to award these construction contracts at an aggregate cost of \$2,710,252.48 and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

See attachments as follows for each project. The attachment for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal for the lowest bidder for each project are also attached including addenda to the contract specifications for project ID Nos. RDC0014153 and RDC0014815.

- Project ID No. RDC0014153 - sheets 1A and 1B
- Project ID No. RDC0014407/C.P. No. 86914 Slauson Avenue - Phase I - sheets 2A and 2B
- Project ID No. RDC0014815/C.P. 86828 Amar Road - sheets 3A and 3B

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The attachment for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0014153 are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0014407/C.P. No. 86914 are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget - Public Works/Public Ways/Facilities - Slauson Avenue Phase I.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0014815/C.P. No. 86828 are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget - Various - Amar Road.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202; and the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation, including, but not limited to licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to the lowest responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with the Department of Public Works.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the attachment for each project.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with the Department of Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

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The Department of Public Works will review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF', followed by a horizontal line and a stylized flourish.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (3)

c: County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
March 18, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014153 - OLYMPIC BOULEVARD (in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction and resurfacing of existing roadway pavement; construction of sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, and bus pads; installation of striping and pavement markings; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 6, 2007 (Agenda Item 35)

BID OPENING DATE: December 4, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bannaoun Engineers Constructors, a corporation 9614 Cozycroft Avenue Chatsworth, California 91311 (818) 999-0394	\$1,533,488.20
2	Hardy & Harper, Inc.	\$1,596,750.00
3	*Calmex Engineering, Inc.	\$1,597,557.21
4	Sequel Contractors, Inc.	\$1,621,499.85
5	All American Asphalt, Inc.	\$1,729,000.00
6	Palp, Inc.	\$1,798,639.25
7	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$1,805,782.65
8	Griffith Company	\$1,818,262.90
9	Alliance Streetworks, Inc.	\$1,868,078.66
10	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$1,959,341.30

+LSBE

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,780,807.30
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,533,488.20
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 247,319.10

The amount of the recommended contract is 14 percent below the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California. Under this program, federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies are used to reimburse a portion of the cost of the road improvement projects. We are also seeking a Rubberized Asphalt Concrete grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to be used toward the cost of the pavement work.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Bannoun Engineers Constructors has one DBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a DBE participation of 1.3 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

On November 6, 2007, Agenda Item 35, your board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 120 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April and be completed in September 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
March 18, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014407/C.P. No. 86914 - SLAUSON AVENUE - PHASE I (in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of landscaping, hardscape, irrigation, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 18, 2007 (Agenda Item 56)

BID OPENING DATE: January 15, 2008

BID SUMMARY:

Low	America West Landscape, Inc., a corporation P. O. Box 1698 Bellflower, California 90707 (562) 803-6800	\$406,624.28
2	Griffith Company	\$453,735.80
3	Palp, Inc.	\$498,767.00

Damon Construction Company submitted a bid in the amount of \$571,648.90; however they included subcontractors to perform more than 50 percent of the work, in violation of Subsection 2-3 of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction and their bid is considered nonresponsive.

America West Landscape, Inc., is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (as defined in the Facts and Provisions/Legal Requirements Section of this letter).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$424,079.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$406,624.28
Amount of recommended below estimate	\$ 17,454.72

The amount of the recommended contract is 4.1 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient appropriation and revenue to finance the project construction are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget - Public Works - Capital Project No. CP86914.



MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

America West Landscape, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On December 18, 2007, Agenda Item 56, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated the work will start in May and be completed in July 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
March 18, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014815/C.P. No. 86828 - AMAR ROAD (in the unincorporated community of Valinda), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of raised medians, a catch basin and connector pipe, landscaping and an irrigation system; restoration of pavement striping and markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 11, 2007 (Agenda Item 34)

BID OPENING DATE: January 8, 2008

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Park West Landscape, Inc., a corporation 13581 Desmond Street Pacoima, California 91331 (818) 485-0980	\$ 770,140.00
2	All American Asphalt	\$ 794,824.00
3	Excel Paving Company	\$ 798,393.75
4	Superior Paving Company, Inc.	\$ 835,208.38
5	*Diversified Landscape Management, Inc.	\$ 840,490.19
6	America West Landscape, Inc.	\$ 967,221.37
7	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$1,052,128.00
8	*4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$1,088,042.75
9	Imperial Paving	\$1,129,440.50
10	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$1,155,078.50
11	Pima Corporation	\$1,178,893.00
12	*C-1 Construction Corporation	\$1,650,700.00

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Park West Landscape, Inc., is the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder (as defined in the Facts and Provisions/Legal Requirements Section of this letter).

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Amount of estimate	\$997,122.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$770,140.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$226,982.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 23 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient appropriation and revenue to finance the project construction are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget - Various - Capital Project No. CP86828.

**MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:**

Park West Landscape, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

On March 20, 2007, Agenda Item 41, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:**

This project is to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated the work will start in May and be completed in September 2008.

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